

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE CENTER

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 135 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Carly Reed
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ or None ☒
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: July 1, 2017 Return: July 9, 2017
b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____ or None ☒
4. Departure city: Washington, DC Destination: Israel Return city: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (Dulles Airport)
6. Describe meetings and events attended: Informational briefings and site visits related to Israel's security + politics, as well as its history
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
 - a. ☒ a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
 - b. ☒ the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
 - c. ☒ page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; and
 - d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box): ☒
b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER: Carly Reed DATE: 7/24/17

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Eric Swalwell DATE: 7/24/17

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Eric Swalwell

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☒ Original ☐ Amendment

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. ***A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.*** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. Travel Destination(s): Israel
3. Date of Departure: July 1, 2017 Date of Return: July 9, 2017
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Please see attached
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$2,857.89	\$1,423	\$1,065.93	\$2,666.06 (breakdown attached)
Accompanying Relative	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: [Signature]

Name: Richard Fishman

Title: Executive Director

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

Address: 251 H Street NW

Washington, DC 20001

Telephone number: (202) 639-5233

Email Address: rfishman@aiefdn.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

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TRAVELER FORM

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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

1. Name of Traveler: Carly Reed
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
3. Travel destination(s): Israel
4. a. Date of departure July 1, 2017 Date of return: July 9, 2017
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes:
(1) Name of accompanying relative: _____
(2) Relationship to traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: ☒ Yes ☐ No
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.
As legislative aide in Rep. Swalwell's office, my portfolio includes
foreign affairs, including US-Israel relations. A primary goal of this trip is
to educate congressional staff on the context of this relationship.
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? ☐ Yes ☒ No

10. **FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:**

TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: 5/31/17


Signature of Employing Member

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): _____
American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒
3. Check only one: I represent that:
 - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip ☒ or
 - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds ☐ or
 - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities. ☐If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):
Please see attached
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
6. Date of departure: July 1, 2017 Date of return: July 9, 2017
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.
b. Destination(s): Israel
c. City of return: Washington, D.C.
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ or
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
9. Check one of the following:
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☒
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ or
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (indicate agenda is attached by checking box): ☒
11. Check one:
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒ or
- b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐
12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the fundamental purpose of educating policy makers and opinion leaders about the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing, and funding all aspects of this trip. This includes the Friday evening dinner at the home of Karyn and Joe Gelman - the dinner is funded solely by AIEF.
13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.
- a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
- b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
- c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
n/a
14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒
15. I represent that either (check one of the following):
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ or
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ☒
- If "b" is checked:
- 1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____
\$129
- 2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____
The trip will take place in Israel in order to educate participants about the U.S.-Israel relationship.
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
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|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Hotel name: | <u>Inbal</u> | City: | <u>Jerusalem</u> | Cost per night: | <u>\$256</u> |
| Reason(s) for selecting: | <u>location and affordability</u> | | | | |
| Hotel name: | <u>Sheraton</u> | City: | <u>Tel Aviv</u> | Cost per night: | <u>\$260</u> |
| Reason(s) for selecting: | <u>location and affordability</u> | | | | |
| Hotel name: | <u>Nof Ginosar</u> | City: | <u>Tiberias</u> | Cost per night: | <u>\$189</u> |
| Reason(s) for selecting: | <u>location and affordability</u> | | | | |

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$2,529.50	\$1,733	\$900
For each accompanying relative	n/a	n/a	n/a

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$2,517	breakdown attached
For each accompanying relative	n/a	n/a

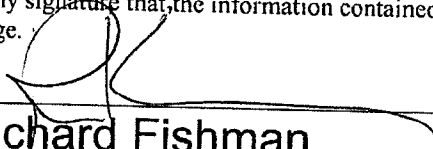
NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ☒ or
b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name: Richard Fishman

Title: Executive Director

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington DC 20001

Telephone number: (202) 639-5233

Email address: rfishman@aiefdn.org

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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Ms. Carly Reed
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Reed:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel,¹ scheduled for July 1 to 9, 2017, sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF).

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$390] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments filed with the Committee, and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

¹ We note that the U.S. Department of State (State Department) has issued a travel warning concerning travel to Israel, available at <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/israel-travel-warning.html>. You may wish to contact the State Department regarding the safety of your proposed trip.

Ms. Carly Reed

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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

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Susan W. Brooks
Chairwoman

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Theodore E. Deutch".

Theodore E. Deutch
Ranking Member

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**American Israel Education Foundation
Educational Seminar in Israel
U.S. Congressional Staff
July 1-9, 2017**

Itinerary

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2017

5:45 PM	Depart Washington, D.C. (DCA)
7:09 PM	Arrive at Newark
10:45 PM	Depart Newark

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2017

4:20 PM	Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport
7:00 PM	Check into the Inbal Jerusalem Hotel
7:45 PM	Depart Hotel
8:00 PM	<i>Welcome and Orientation</i> - at Touro
8:20 PM	<i>The Pulse of Israel Today</i> Dinner with Matti Friedman Author and Journalist - at Touro

Matti Freidman

The opening dinner features Matti Freidman, a renowned reporter with a career that has taken him from Lebanon to Morocco, Cairo, Moscow and Washington, D.C., and to conflicts in Israel in the Caucasus. Mr. Friedman is a dynamic and insightful speaker who will provide the group an illuminating synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs and the general state of mind of the Israeli citizens.

9:45 PM	Dinner ends
10:00 PM	<i>Welcome to Jerusalem</i> Understanding Jerusalem's Historic Basin

Jerusalem

Throughout its 4,000 year history, the city of Jerusalem has changed hands many times. As home to the world's three great monotheistic religions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam —

The Holy Basin is the historic location of Jerusalem and refers to the land surrounding the Old City, including the Mount of Olives, which is believed to be the departure point for Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem and where Jews have been burying their dead for 2,500 years. The Holy Basin also includes the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and the Temple Mount (Haram al-Sharif), sacred ground for Jews, Muslims, and Christians. Control over these sensitive areas remains among the largest disputes in the Middle East.

The professionally guided survey will walk through all of these sites and others, educating trip participants on their historical impact and their role in today's political discussions.

The Western Wall

The Western Wall, a remnant of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, is Judaism's holiest site and the heart of the Jewish people's 3,000-year connection to the Land of Israel.

King David established Jerusalem as the capital of ancient Israel circa 1,000 B.C.E., and his son Solomon built the First Jewish Temple on what is known today as the Temple Mount. This Temple became the focal point of ancient Judaism, drawing religious pilgrims from throughout the region. There are more than 850 references to Jerusalem in the Hebrew Bible and innumerable references to the city throughout more than 2,000 years of post-biblical literature.

Even after the destruction of the Second Jewish Temple by the Roman Empire in 70 C.E., Jews maintained a continuous presence in Jerusalem. Jerusalem has been central to the Jewish people through daily prayer and ritual expressing the aspiration to return there. For 2,000 years, Jews prayed for the rebuilding of the Holy City, and to this day, Jews throughout the world face Jerusalem and pray to return to this holy place. The centuries-old Jewish dream of reestablishing Jerusalem as the Jewish capital was partially realized in 1948, when the western half of the city became the capital of the new State of Israel. However, the armistice agreement following Israel's War of Independence left Jerusalem divided in half by the "Green Line" between Israel and Jordan.

Between 1949 and 1967, Jordan controlled the parts of Jerusalem east of the Green Line, severely limiting access to Jews from Judaism's holiest sites, and completely denying access for Israeli Jews to the Old City or the Western Wall, a key remnant of the Second Temple. Furthermore, Christians living in Israel were only allowed to visit churches and holy sites in eastern Jerusalem once a year. Thousands of Jews, some of whose families had been living there for centuries, were expelled from eastern Jerusalem. During the period of Jordanian occupation of eastern Jerusalem, synagogues were destroyed and Jewish burial grounds were desecrated.

When Israel gained control of eastern Jerusalem after the Six-Day War, the Jewish state immediately abolished Jordanian restrictions on access to the city, allowing all Jews, Christians and Muslims to worship at their holy places. Israel later incorporated the eastern half of the city and declared unified Jerusalem to be the capital of Israel.

- 4:00 PM *Israeli Democracy in Action*
 Meetings with Members of Knesset
- The Honorable Amir Ohana, Likud Party
 - The Honorable Dr. Nachman Shai, Zionist Union Party
- at the Knesset
- 5:00 PM Return to Hotel
- 7:15 PM Depart for dinner
- 7:30 PM *Colleague to Colleague: Knesset Staffers*
 Dinner with Knesset Staffers from various political parties
- Uri Perednick, Likud Party
 - Michaela Cohen, Kulanu Party
 - Yair Zivan, Yesh Atid Party
 - Shaked Hasson, Zionist Union Party
- at La Guta
- 9:45 PM Overnight at the Inbal Jerusalem

TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2017

- 7:30 AM Breakfast on own in the main dining room
 Luggage in the lobby
 Check out
- 8:00 AM Depart
- 8:30 AM *The Meaning of the Holocaust in the Israeli Psyche*
 Visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

Yad Vashem

One cannot understand Israel's position on Iran's nuclear program without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government's threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel's destruction.

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, was established in 1953 by an act of the Israeli Knesset. Since its inception, Yad Vashem has been entrusted with documenting the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period, preserving the memory and story of each of the six million victims, and imparting the legacy of the Holocaust for generations to come through its archives, library, school, museums and recognition of the

- 7:30 PM *Regional Threats Overview and the Palestinian Street*
 Dinner with:
 ■ Avi Issacharoff, Mideast Analyst, Times of Israel (will arrive at 8:15)
 ■ Amos Harel, Military Affairs Analyst, Haaretz
 - at Lumina
- 9:30 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2017

- 7:30 AM Breakfast on own at the hotel
- 8:15 AM Depart for Israel's South
- 9:30 AM *Life Under Rocket Fire*
 Briefings on Israel's Border with the Gaza Strip
 -Overlook into Gaza at Nir Am
 -Meeting with Oshrit Sabag, local resident of Kibbutz Nachal Oz

Israel's Southern Front

Since 2001, Israeli communities bordering the Gaza Strip have been living under the threat of rocket fire. Since the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005 and the Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip in 2007, the volume, range and accuracy of the rockets has only increased. The summer of 2014 witnessed Operation Protective Edge, which returned the issue of rocket fire from Gaza to international headlines. At Kibbutz Nir Am, participants will be able to see the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip, to better comprehend the landscape of the region, as well as the unique challenges faced by this area. The visit to Kibbutz Nir Am and meeting with a local resident will be an opportunity to better understand the reality of living just kilometers from Israel's border with Gaza, to learn how almost 15 years of rocket fire has shaped those living in the communities most affected, to discuss the advent of Hamas "terror tunnels" into Israel's border towns and how communities have sought to cope with the threat on their doorstep, both physically and psychologically.

- 11:45 AM Depart
- 12:15 PM *US-Israel Cooperation: The Iron Dome*
 - at Ashkelon

The Iron Dome

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) typically honors our request to visit an Iron Dome battery, the joint U.S.-Israel funded rocket defense program. The military typically approves any visit to an Iron Dome location the week before the trip due to the constantly shifting security situation on the ground. A visit to an Iron Dome battery includes meeting with the soldiers and the

9:15 AM Depart, travel north

10:00 AM *Israel's Narrow Waistline*
Briefing at Alfei Menashe

Alfei Menashe

Alfei Menashe is a Jewish community located on the western edge of the West Bank. Less than 10 miles from the Mediterranean Sea, Alfei Menashe provides a unique vantage point to discuss Israeli settlement policy, the routing of the security barrier, as well as Israel's narrow waistline.

The sliver of Israeli land west of the West Bank is often referred to as the Hadera-Gadera rectangle, with the city of Hadera denoting the northern point, and the city of Hadera the southern point. The Hadera-Gadera rectangle is home to over 50 percent of Israel's population, as well as civilian infrastructure. The area is also home to Israel's "silicon valley", as well as Ben Gurion international airport.

The discussion at Alfei Menashe will allow participants to see firsthand the proximity of Jewish and Arab neighborhoods in both Israel and the West Bank; as well as the strategic threats faced by the Israeli population living in Israel's narrow waistline.

10:45 AM Depart
En route briefing:

- *The Jezreel Valley: The Strategic Land Bridge connecting Asia and Africa*
- *Upper Galilee: Potential for Development*

The Jezreel Valley

Our tour guide will spend an hour during the drive from Israel's center to the north to provide the delegation a briefing on the Jezreel Valley and the Upper Galilee and the challenges facing these regions of the country.

For thousands of years, the Jezreel Valley served as a land bridge linking Africa, Asia and Europe, and serving as a thoroughfare for ancient caravans and, more frequently, armies. In modern times, during World War I, for example, the British and Turkish forces fought a number of pitched battles in the valley. In 1948, following Israel's establishment, the combined forces of Iraq and Jordan attempted unsuccessfully to capture the valley in order to split the just-born Israel into two parts. In the early 20th century, after decades of neglect, Jewish pioneers drained the swamps in the valley, transforming this region into Israel's "breadbasket" known for wheat, cotton, sunflowers and fish ponds. The Jezreel Valley is also home to historical and biblical sites including Tel Megiddo and Nazareth.

Today it is an important symbol of Israel's complex and diverse political reality. The Jezreel Valley, together with the areas of the Lower and Upper Galilee, is home to the majority of

patients' political or military affiliation. These efforts have been supported by The Israeli Health Department, which has spent well over 5 million dollars treating the wounded.

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| 4:15 PM | Depart |
| 4:45 PM | <i>Hezbollah Next Door</i>
Briefing on the border with Lebanon
With Maj. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi
Northern Border Expert
- at Mt. Adir |
| 5:30 PM | Depart |
| 6:30 PM | Check into the Nof Ginosar Hotel |
| 8:00 PM | Depart for dinner |
| 8:15 PM | <i>Northern Exposure</i>
Israeli Life on the Border with Lebanon and Syria
Dinner and Discussion
- at Decks |

Dinner and Discussion

We will use this dinner as an opportunity to discuss the speakers and topics we have been exposed to thus far. We have found giving our participants an opportunity to discuss the topics and perspectives presented to them assists them in their ability to more fully understand the complexities Israel faces.

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| 10:00 PM | Overnight at Nof Ginosar Tiberias |
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FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2017

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| 8:00 AM | Breakfast on own
Luggage in the lobby
Check out |
| 8:30 AM | Depart |
| 9:00 AM | <i>Historical, Religious and Geopolitical Significance of the Sea of Galilee</i>
Visit to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mt. of Beatitudes▪ Primacy of Peter Church▪ Capernaum |

influx of Syrian refugees and the threats in the region impact Jordan internally; as well as relations and further potential for strategic partnership between Jordan, the United States, and Israel.

5:30 PM Check into the Inbal Jerusalem Hotel

6:45 PM Depart

7:00 PM *Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem*
Traditional Sabbath dinner
With Karyn and Joe Gelman
- at their home in Jerusalem

The Sabbath in Jerusalem

Israel, the only Jewish country in the world, boasts the unique tradition of honoring the Jewish Sabbath from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown. 80 percent of the Israeli population will commemorate the Sabbath, in various forms, which typically include a family dinner and special blessings. The Sabbath is especially significant in Jerusalem, home to the holiest site for Jews worldwide - the remains of the First and Second Temple.

The dinner will include a discussion on the importance of Jerusalem to the Jewish, Christian and Muslim populations; the potential for a final status agreement on Jerusalem (arguably the most sensitive final status issue); and the diplomatic challenges faced by Israel and the United States regarding Israeli urban development in the area.

9:00 PM Overnight at the Inbal Jerusalem Hotel

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2017

8:00 AM Breakfast on own
- at the hotel, main dining room

8:30 AM Depart

En route briefing:
▪ *Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor: Strategic Concerns*

Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor

On the drive from Jerusalem to Masada, the group will travel on the highway known as the "Jericho Road" is the strategic importance of the area east of Jerusalem. In 1948 and in 1967, the Jordanian army attacked Jerusalem from the east – the 1948 attack resulted in the city's division that lasted until 1967. Since then Israel has established the City of Ma'ale Adumim east of Jerusalem, today home to some 40,000 residents. To the Palestinians, however, Ma'ale Adumim is the largest settlement on the West Bank. When Israel attempted to expand Ma'ale Adumim's boundary, into an area known as "E-1", the U.S. State Department stepped in and

12:30 PM *Israel's Experience in Fighting the Encroachment of Desertification*
Visit to the Dead Sea and lunch
-at Herods

Dead Sea Region

During our drive to and from the Dead Sea area, as well as during our visit to the Dead Sea, our tour guide will discuss a variety of issues integral to understanding the region, the country, and relations with both the Palestinians and Jordanians.

It is important to note that the region is mostly desert. For decades, Israel has been challenging this arid area and developing its agricultural potential. While the Middle East is suffering from water shortages, Israel, through modern technology and water conservation policies, including the recycling of over 80 percent of water used for domestic purposes and transferring it to agriculture, has literally "made the desert bloom." Some of this technology is already being shared with Jordan and the Palestinian Authority. All sides realize that a comprehensive regional water policy will ensure food production necessary to satisfy the Middle East's growing population. For example, in late 2013, the three parties agreed to build a Red Sea-Dead Sea water project to address the shortage of fresh, clean water in the region and the rapid loss of water at the Dead Sea. This highlights the growing importance for Israel and her Arab neighbors to work together on joint environmental projects.

The key regional players also face serious environmental issues in the Dead Sea region. One of the major environmental concerns is the receding of the Dead Sea and the appearance of sinkholes, which cause the earth above to collapse. Roads, fields and buildings have collapsed due to this phenomenon, and experts are concerned the tourist infrastructure along the Jordanian and Israeli shores of the Dead Sea are also in danger. This issue has led to unprecedented cooperation between Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians and serves as a model for regional cooperation.

2:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem

3:30 PM Return to hotel
Prepare for departure
Check out

6:30 PM *The U.S.–Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together*
Closing dinner
- at the hotel

Closing Dinner

The closing dinner provides an opportunity for participants to process the scope of the week, from the religious center of the Judeo-Christian world in Jerusalem, to the bustling economic powerhouse of Tel Aviv; from the conflict plagued northern borders with Syria and Lebanon, to the environmental and geographical wonders of the Negev desert and the Dead Sea. We will

House Invitees

FIRST	LAST	POSITION	TITLE	MO C F	MO C L	P	S	EXPLANATION FOR INVITE
Brian	Barnard	Legislative Director	Rep.	Evan	Jenkins	R	WV	As a Legislative Director for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. Brian Barnard is the Legislative Director for Rep. Evan Jenkins, a member of the relevant House Appropriations Committee.
Derron	Bennett	Policy Director	Rep.	Al	Lawson	D	FL	As a Policy Director for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel.
Grant	Dubler	Legislative Director	Rep.	Jacky	Rosen	D	NV	As a Legislative Director for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. Grant Dubler is the Legislative Director for Rep. Jacky Rosen, a member of the relevant House Armed Services Committee.

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Spencer	Freebairn	Deputy Chief of Staff	Rep.	Roger	Williams	R	TX	As a Deputy Chief of Staff for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel.
Thomas	Hester	Legislative Director	Rep.	Mike	McCaull	R	TX	As a Legislative Director for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. Thomas Hester is the Legislative Director for Rep. Mike McCaull, a member of the relevant House Homeland Security Committee.
Lara	Hopkins	Deputy Chief of Staff	Rep.	Kathy	Castor	D	FL	As a Deputy Chief of Staff for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel.

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Alexander	Hutkin	Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director	Rep.	Steve	Russell	R	OK	As a Deputy Chief of Staff for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. Alexander Hutkin is the Deputy Chief of Staff for Rep. Steve Russell, a member of the relevant House Armed Services Committee.
Daniel	Kouchi	Legislative Assistant	Rep.	Colleen	Hanabusa	D	HI	As a Legislative Assistant for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. Daniel Kouchi is the Legislative Assistant for Rep. Colleen Hanabusa, a member of the relevant House Armed Services Committee.

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Elizabeth	Leibowitz	Foreign Affairs Legislative Assistant	Rep.	Nita	Lowey	D	NY	As a Legislative Assistant for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel.
								Elizabeth Leibowitz is the Legislative Assistant for Rep. Nita Lowey, Ranking Member of the relevant House Appropriations Committee.
Emily	Leviner	Legislative Director/Legislative Counsel	Rep.	John	Ratcliffe	R	TX	As a Legislative Director for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. Emily Leviner is the Legislative Director for Rep. John Ratcliffe, a member of the relevant House Homeland Security Committee.
Carly	Reed	Legislative Aide	Rep.	Eric	Swalwell	D	CA	As a Legislative Aide for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. Carly Reed is the Legislative Aide for Rep. Eric Swalwell, a member of the relevant House Intelligence Committee.

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Joshua	Satterfield	Senior Legislative Assistant	Rep.	Mia	Love	R	UT	As a Legislative Assistant for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel.
Zachary	Stokes	Legislative Assistant	Rep.	Kurt	Schrader	D	OR	As a Legislative Assistant for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel.
Amy	Surber	Legislative Assistant	Rep.	Ken	Calvert	R	CA	As a Legislative Assistant for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel. Amy Surber is the Legislative Assistant for Rep. Ken Calvert, a member of the relevant House Appropriations Committee.

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Sharon	Wagener	Legislative Director	Rep.	Julia	Brownley	D	CA	As a Legislative Director for the U.S. House of Representatives, this invitee is consistently engaged in issue areas relevant to the U.S. – Israel relationship. These issues include U.S. foreign policy, U.S. appropriations, refugee and immigrant issues, homeland security, cybersecurity, and veteran's affairs. The AIEF Israel Seminar will explore these issues in depth on the trip, in order to educate the staffer and provide them on-the-ground context for events throughout the region, as well as the strategic partnership between the U.S. and Israel.
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Breakdown of Other Expenses

Security: \$800.00 per person

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Speaker Fees: \$450.00 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

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Tour Guide: \$191.00 per person

-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Hotels for contract staff (tour guide, bus driver, security guards): \$185.00 per person

Meals for contract staff and speakers: \$160.00 per person

Room Rentals: \$150.00 per person

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Transportation for individualized tour of Syrian/Israel border: \$60.00

Other: \$55.00 per person

-Briefing materials, miscellaneous

Entrance Fees: \$50.00 per person

-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Photography: \$30.00 per person

-On each trip we take a group photo with a professional photographer

Tips: \$20.00 per person

-It is customary to tip the driver and tour guide that accompany trip participants.

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Meals for contract staff and speakers: \$173.11 per person

Room Rentals: \$127.18 per person

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Hotels for contract staff (tour guide, bus driver, security guards): \$124.25 per person

Transportation for contract staff and speakers: \$60.06 per person

Transportation for individualized tour of Syrian/Israel border: \$52.42

Entrance Fees: \$42.84 per person

-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Photography: \$27.15 per person

-On each trip we take a group photo with a professional photographer

Other: \$9.29 per person

-Briefing materials, miscellaneous

Tips: \$5.97 per person

-It is customary to tip the driver and tour guide that accompany trip participants.

Reed, Carly

From: Aubrey Lopez <
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 11:33 AM
To: Reed, Carly
Cc: Julie Peretz
Subject: Invitation: Congressional Staff Seminar in Israel, Summer 2017

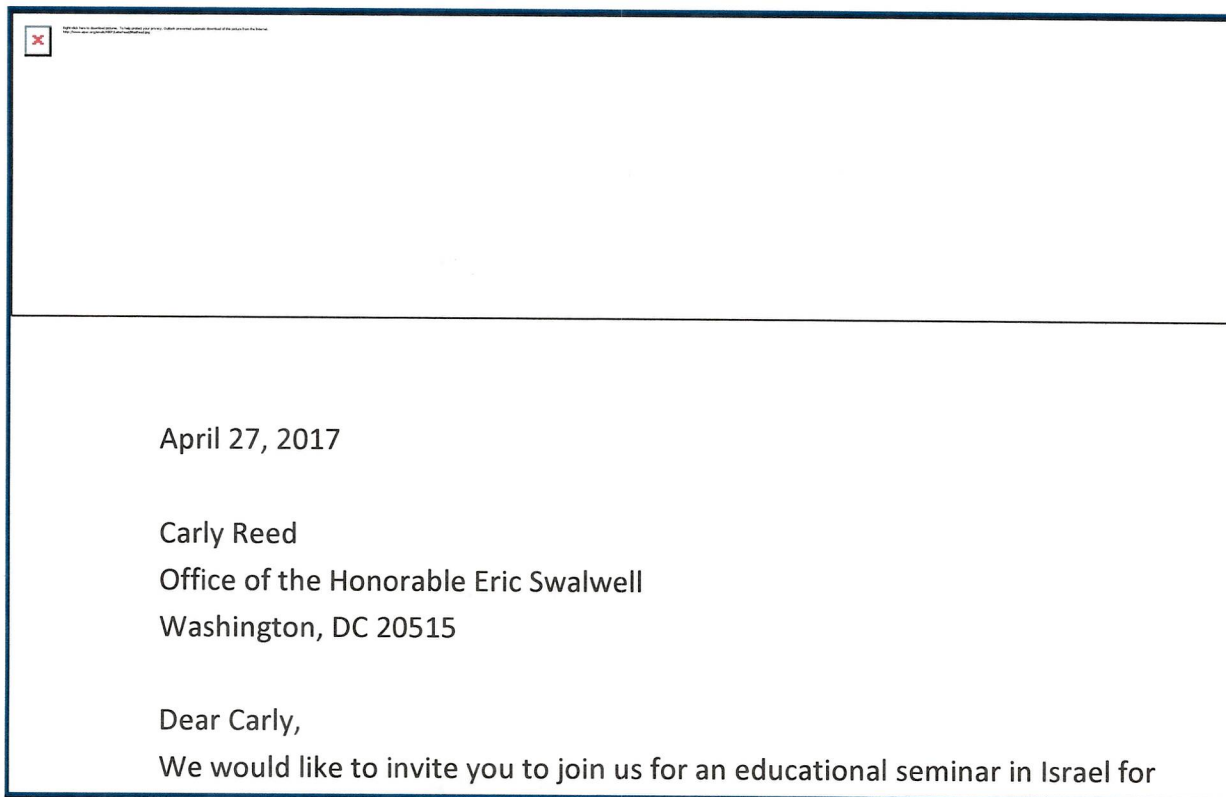
Hi Carly,

Please see the invitation below. Unfortunately the August trip is full, but there is availability in July. If you have any questions you can reach me at 202-330-4422.

Best,
Aubrey

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202-330-7770 x444

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Sincerely,



Richard Fishman
Executive Director, AIEF

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